

Sandra Shackelford

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Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 8:21 PM
To: Sandra Shackelford
Subject: Fwd: DPMC Seek Urgent Action From Governor Northam on Pipelines

Sandy,
Please give this to the BZA.

I'm sorry my comments about David Shreve made you uncomfortable. This situation is going to have many discomforts for all involved. I deeply regret this. I feel you're an innocent victim in a precarious situation. Again, I don't envy your job. Please forgive me but I'm like a Momma Bear protecting her cubs.

David's first advice to the BZA should have been that the ACP LLC's Application for Floodplain Variances was invalid & should be returned as they're not property owners & therefore don't qualify for the issuance of Variances or SUPs of any kind. Certainly not to go behind closed doors to have discussions with him.

I promise to keep you out of my line of fire as much as possible.

Below is what I'd like you to give to the BZA

Thanks,
Vicki

Today, DPMC sent a [letter to Governor Northam](#) asking that he take swift and decisive action to restore integrity and transparency to Virginia's regulatory reviews of the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). We fear that, without prompt attention to the concerns expressed in the letter, Virginia's environment and citizens face imminent threats.

DPMC is calling on the Governor to require his administration to take three specific actions, to meet the law and satisfy his stated intentions:

1. His environmental officials must use their authority to review and approve or disapprove waterbody crossings covered by the Corps of Engineers' general permit.
2. His environmental officials must prohibit any and all activities related to construction of the pipelines that might affect water quality unless and until all requirements of the WQCs are met.
3. His environmental officials must ensure that before the ACP certification is deemed effective:
 - a) remaining plans submitted by the company are made available to the public for review and comment and that DEQ considers and addresses those comments,
 - b) DEQ makes a final recommendation to the SWCB, based on its review of the final plans and of public submissions, and

c) DEQ requests formal Board action on its recommendation.

The Northam administration now has the authority and duty to uphold the principles Mr. Northam previously outlined as the guide for determining whether the pipeline proposals were properly and fairly handled by the State of Virginia:

- that the outcome of those deliberations must be based on scientific evidence
- that proceedings must be conducted in a transparent manner, and
- that approvals must be denied unless actions can be fully protective of Virginia's environment and its citizens.

Unfortunately, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has betrayed the principles the Governor has espoused. DEQ has also disregarded intentions and expectations the State Water Control Board (SWCB) expressed when it considered these proposals in December of 2017. (see [DEQ Statement on Process](#))

We call on all Virginians to let the Governor know you support the principles he's outlined for these processes and want him to make sure they are followed by DEQ. You can do so by emailing him c/o his Chief of Staff at clark.mercer@governor.virginia.gov or calling [804-786-2211](tel:804-786-2211).

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